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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Jeak Ling DING, et al. CONF.: 2336
APPLN. NO.: 09/426,776 GROUP: 1645
FILED: October 26, 1999 EXAMINER: Ja-Na HINES
FOR: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A SECRETORY
SIGNAL FOR EXPRESSION AND SECRETION OF
HETEROLOGOUS RECOMBINANT PROTEINS.

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL
AND RE-ISSUANCE OF OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 30, 2002

Sir:

On June 19, 2000, claims 29-31 were added to this application. In an Amendment filed January 22, 2001, Applicants requested that the Examiner acknowledge claims 29-31. On January 22, 2001, claim 32 was added to this application. The Examiner has never acknowledged any of claims 29, 30, 31, or 32. On August 23, 2002, the Examiner issued an Office Action which totally ignores claims 29-32 herein.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to *withdraw the Office Action* of August 23, 2002 and to issue an Office Action which indicates the status of each of claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-17, and 26-32. For the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of all of the claims pending in this application is appended hereto.

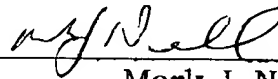
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The Examiner is again respectfully requested to acknowledge the claim for foreign priority that was filed on October 26, 1999.

Favorable action on the merits of all of the claims remaining in the application is respectfully requested. If there be minor matters precluding allowance of the application which may be resolved by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Richard Gallagher, (Reg. No. 28,781) at (703) 205-8008.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,
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